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- I. Sukarno's "emergency" cabinet has widened rift between central government and non-Javanese areas.
- A. Lt. Col. Hussein, central Sumatra leader, has stated new cabinet is "completely unacceptable."
- B. [REDACTED] dissident Sumatrans are seriously considering early declaration of independence.
- C. Sumatran military leaders fear Djakarta may use force to reestablish unitary state.
- D. Sumatrans prepared to fight, but are short of arms.
- II. Sukarno's policy appears to be avoidance of civil war, but to promote bloodless counter coups and political disunity.
- A. South Sumatra is primary target with view of isolating central province--backbone of autonomous movement.
- B. Celebes clash, reported in today's press, is not part of autonomy struggle but continuation of extremist dissidence of long standing.
- III. Sukarno has sought to assure US ambassador that situation is not bad and that there are no Communists in his cabinet--only "left wingers" like himself.
- A. In this connection, Sukarno--who has often privately expressed similar views--publicly told a group in Central Java today that examples of construction in the USSR, China and Egypt demonstrated that Indonesia's "people have to be organized, guided...".